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REMARKS

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed October 15, 2004 in the above-identified application. Based on the foregoing amendments and the following comments, reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9 and 14-19 are pending in the application. Claims 10-13 were previously canceled. By this amendment, claims 1-9 and 14-19 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 1 and 14 are independent claims.

The Examiner has objected to claims 1-9 and 14-19 and has requested that certain claim language be amended. The requested amendments have been made. However, it is Applicant's contention that it does not make sense to recite a single parallel conductive line. With this exception, the requested changes have been made. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the claims is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has rejected claims 2, 7, 8, 9, 18 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner asserts that various language in claims 2, 7, 8, 9, 18 and 19 lacks clear antecedent basis. These claims have been amended to provide antecedent basis for the identified claim language. Accordingly, the claims are in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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